

D.T.E. 98-36 December 9, 1998

Rulemaking by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, pursuant to G.L. c. 166, § 25A, and 220 C.M.R. §§ 2.00 et seq., to amend the regulations at 220 C.M.R. §§ 45.00 et seq. to Establish Complaint and Enforcement Procedures to Ensure that Telecommunications Carriers and Cable System Operators have Non-Discriminatory Access to Utility Poles, Ducts, Conduits, and Rights-of-Way.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY ON PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO 220 C.M.R. §§ 45.00 et seq.

On December 9, 1998, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") issued an Order instituting a rulemaking proceeding and promulgating proposed amendments to 220 C.M.R. §§ 45.00 et seq. to establish complaint and enforcement procedures to ensure that telecommunications carriers and cable system operators have non-discriminatory access to utility poles, ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way on rates, terms and conditions that are just and reasonable. The matter has been docketed as D.T.E. 98-36. A copy of the Department's Order and the proposed amendments may be obtained at the Department's office at the address listed below.

The Department invites interested persons to file written comments on the proposed regulations no later than the close of business, January 21, 1999. Comments may not exceed 20 one-sided, double-spaced, type-written pages. Commenters must, whenever possible, file comments on 3.5" floppy diskette, IBM-compatible format. The file format for all responses shall be compatible with either Word Perfect 6.0, for textual responses, or with Microsoft Excel 5.0, for data/spreadsheet responses. One original and three (3) copies of all comments must be filed with:

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

Department of Telecommunications and Energy

100 Cambridge Street - Room 1210

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In addition, the Department will conduct a public hearing to receive oral comment on the proposed amendments to 220 C.M.R. §§ 45.00 et seq. at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 1999 at the Department's offices, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact:

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By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary